



Residential Energy Modeling for the Public Sector

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Speakers

- **Eric Wilson**, National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)
- **Deborah Philbrick**, Elevate Energy
- Moderator: Madeline Salzman, DOE



Residential Building Energy Modeling for Public Sector Partners

Madeline Salzman

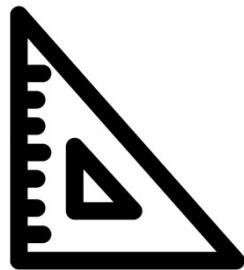
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Why Focus Public Efforts on Residential Efficiency?



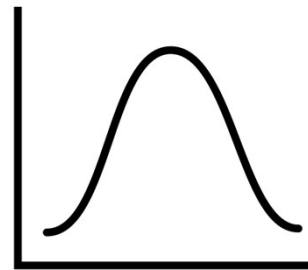
95%

of U.S. buildings



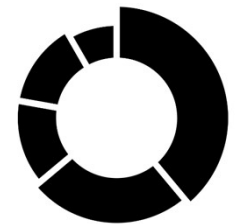
70%

of U.S. building
stock square
footage



50%

of peak demand
on electricity
grids



21%

of U.S. energy use

Efficiency Makes Homes Better Places to Live



Helps Reduce Costs.
Energy burdens average higher than both property taxes and home insurance.



Smart Investment.
Efficiency features payback via energy savings over time.

Improves Quality of Life



Reduce environmental impact.



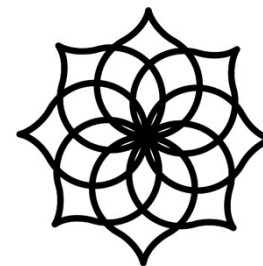
Increased comfort.



Improved health outcomes.



Less draftiness.



Increased control.



Peace of mind.

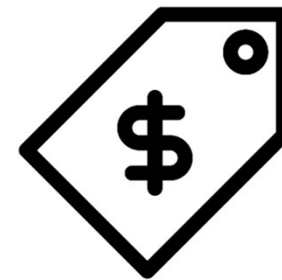
Problems Residents Face to Accessing Efficiency



Residents are not well informed on which upgrades are best-fit for their home or associated benefits



Efficiency is persistently undervalued in residential real estate

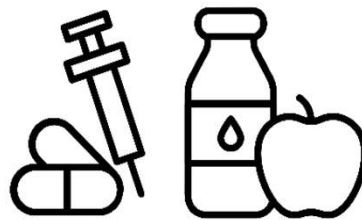


Most consumers lack access to capital for efficiency upgrades

Yet, Energy Burdens Are High



Nearly **one-third** of U.S. households reported facing a challenge in paying energy bills or sustaining adequate heating and cooling in their homes in 2015.



About **one in five** households reported reducing or foregoing necessities such as food and medicine to pay an energy bill.



The **most common reason** reported for individuals seeking payday loan products is to pay their utility bills.

Sources: EIA 2015 & FDIC 2012

A Resource to Help

Residential Energy Efficiency for Local Governments

» Easy to find under “Communities” Tab of Better Buildings Website



The screenshot shows the Better Buildings U.S. Department of Energy website. The header includes the logo, a search bar, and navigation links for PROGRAMS, social media, and Contact Us. A secondary navigation bar lists SOLUTIONS, PROGRAMS & PARTNERS, SUMMIT & SWAP, and LEARN MORE. Below this, a row of tabs includes ACCELERATORS, ALLIANCE, BETTER PLANTS, CHALLENGE, CHP, COMMUNITIES, HOME ENERGY SCORE, ISO 50001, and WORKFORCE. The 'COMMUNITIES' tab is selected, leading to a page titled 'RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS'. The page features a photograph of a row of historic townhouses with black metal fire escapes. Below the image, text states: 'In the U.S., residential buildings account for 21% of total energy consumption. Household expenditures for energy exceed \$219 billion per year, with annual household costs averaging \$1,856 per year (\$2,137/year for single family homes and \$1,132 for multifamily units). Local governments that have established energy savings goals can develop and implement a range of programs and strategies to reduce residential energy use in their communities. Furthermore, lowering residential energy costs can contribute to other local government objectives, including housing affordability, energy reliability, improvements in health outcomes, updated aging housing infrastructure, investments in clean energy, and workforce and economic development.'

Residential Energy Efficiency for Local Governments



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- » Click on “Communities” Tab of Better Buildings Website
- » Click on resource name to far right of drop-down menu
- » Home page:
<https://betterbuildingsinitiative.energy.gov/bca/residential-energy-efficiency-resources-local-governments>

Six Primary Strategies Highlighted



Address Residential Energy Use
in Local Planning



Adopt Residential Building
Energy Codes and Standards



Start a Home Energy
Labeling Program



Enable Financing for Residential
Efficiency Upgrades



Offer Incentives to Make
Efficiency More Affordable



Upgrade the Efficiency of Affordable
Housing in Your Community

Each strategy includes dozens of resources:

- » Introduction
- » Stakeholders & potential collaborators
- » U.S. DOE tools & resources
- » Other helpful resources
- » Examples from local governments where strategies are in action

Links to Other Resources on Residential Efficiency

Additional Resources:

- [DOE's Better Buildings Residential Network](#): Connects energy efficiency programs and partners to share best practices and learn from one another to increase the number of homes that are energy efficient. Local governments can learn from the experiences of their peers through peer exchange calls and other forums for sharing information on topics of interest. Contact: bbresidentialnetwork@ee.doe.gov
- [DOE's Residential Program Solution Center](#): A repository for lessons learned, resources, and knowledge from program administrators and industry experts across the country. Find information to help plan, operate, and evaluate residential energy efficiency programs.

Example with Strategy 3: Home Energy Labeling



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Home Energy Labeling: Introduction



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START A HOME ENERGY LABELING PROGRAM



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Stakeholders & Potential Collaborators

- » Local government sustainability or energy office
- » Energy action team
- » Utility residential energy efficiency programs
- » Real estate professionals
- » Home inspectors
- » Lenders/banks
- » Local Multiple Listing Service (MLS)

Home Energy Labeling: Stakeholders



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Home Energy Labeling: U.S. DOE Tools

TOOLS

Home Energy Score™: As a miles-per-gallon type rating for homes, the Home Energy Score provides homeowners, buyers, and renters directly comparable and credible information about a home's energy use. Local governments are using the Score to promote transparency in real estate listings and drive investments in energy efficiency improvements.

- **Standard Energy Efficiency Data (SEED) Platform™:** SEED provides public agencies and other organizations with a standardized but flexible, cost-effective, secure, enterprise data platform to manage portfolio scale building performance data from a variety of sources.
- **Home Energy Information eXchange (HELIX):** The HELIX database was built to automatically populate real estate listings with home energy information from Home Energy Score, HERS, solar PV data and other sources when it is available and approved by the seller.
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List of Tools

- » U.S. DOE software, plug-and-play programs, and data management systems that enable public sector programs to begin without reinventing the wheel

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- » U.S. DOE toolkits, published guides, and written resources that help communities walk through the steps of implementing this strategy

Home Energy Labeling: Other Helpful Resources

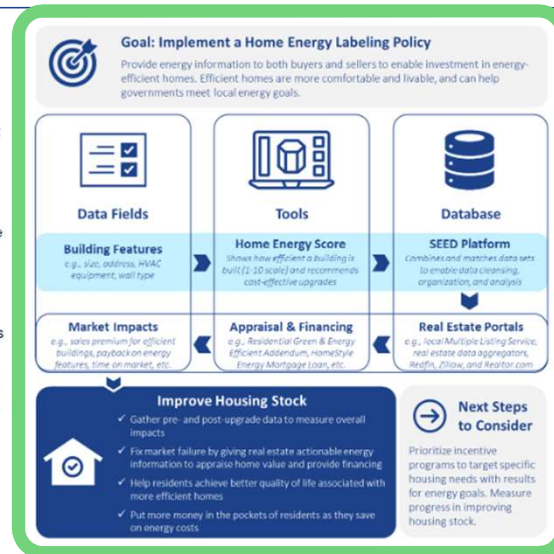
LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXAMPLES

• Berkeley, California:

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Other Resources

» Catch-call for infographics, and other written supporting documents.

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Local Government Examples

- » Short descriptions of local governments having implemented this strategy already.
- » Usually 3-5 local government examples per strategy

How to Use This Resource



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» Use of home energy labeling in underserved markets

Followed by Discussion and Q&A

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Residential energy modeling: ResStock, URBANopt, and EnergyPlus

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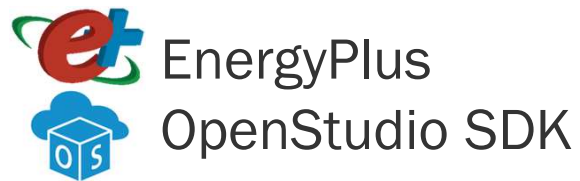
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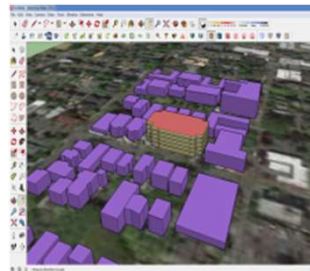
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Scale of application



Individual buildings

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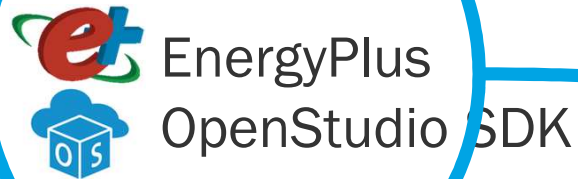
Districts,
campuses



Building stocks
(city, state, utility, national)

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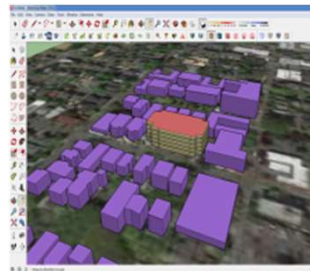
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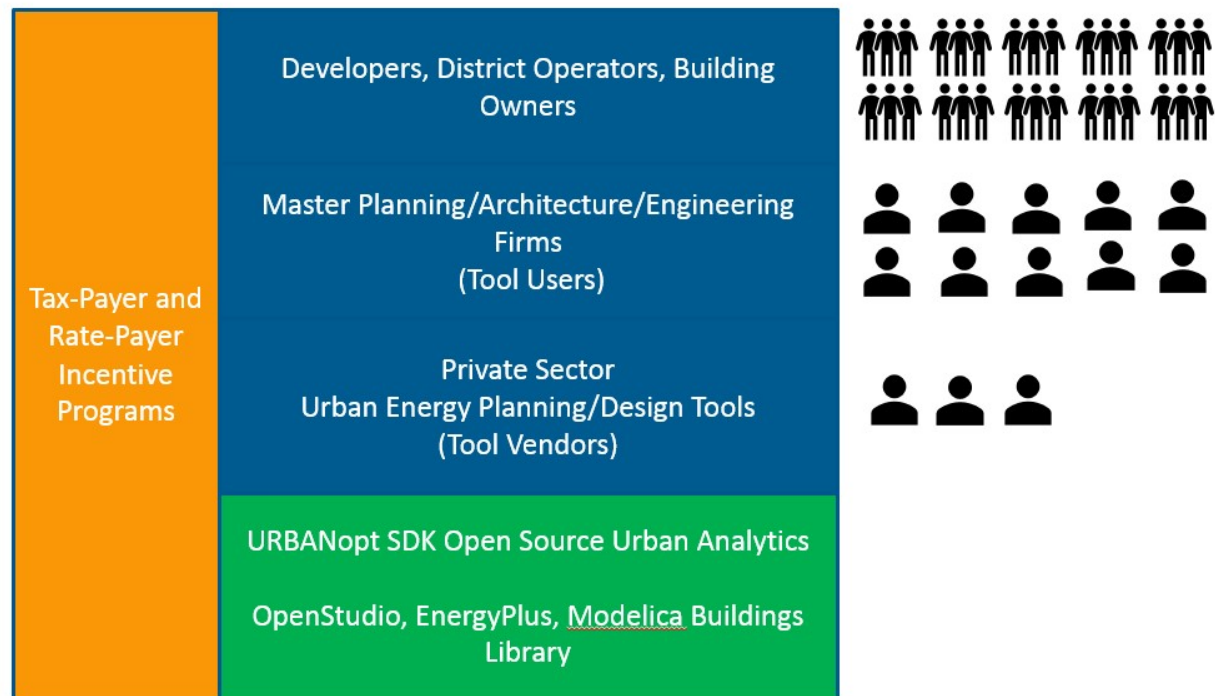
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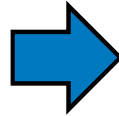
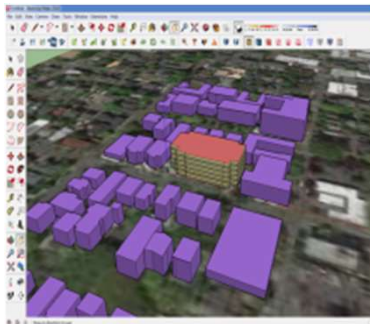
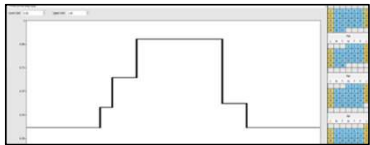
URBANopt

- Analytics platform for communities and urban districts
- Built on top of OpenStudio® and EnergyPlus™ through new U.S. DOE investments in tools
- Modular, open source platform; “underlying analytics” that can be integrated into private sector tools



URBANopt Analysis Workflows

Geometry/Building Data
Input and Detailed
Building Energy Model
Creation

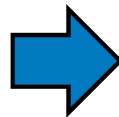


District-Scale Annual Energy
Scenario Analysis

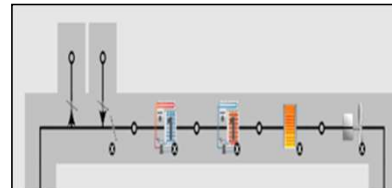


Seek Answers to these
and Other Questions

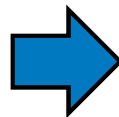
What efficiency and energy
generation levels are required to
achieve a Zero Energy District?



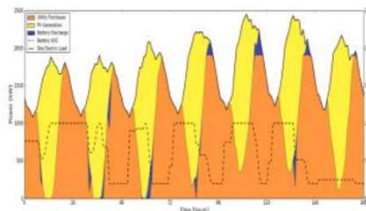
District Thermal System
Analysis w/Modelica



Should **one central system** or
multiple smaller systems be used
and which potential thermal
network layout is best?



Grid-Interactive
Analysis w/ REopt/OpenDSS



What impact does the **efficiency,**
demand flexibility, and **distributed**
generation/storage have on the
electric distribution grid
requirements?

NREL building energy modeling

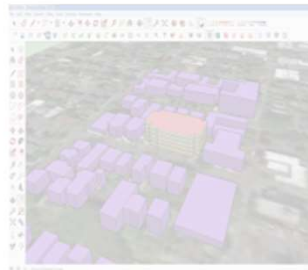
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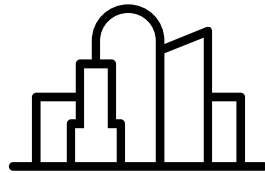


Building stocks
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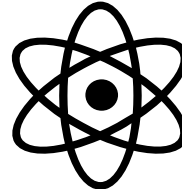
Highly granular analysis tools
for national, regional, and local housing stocks





Housing stock
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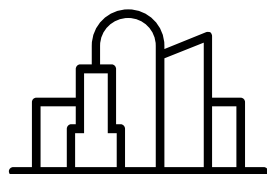


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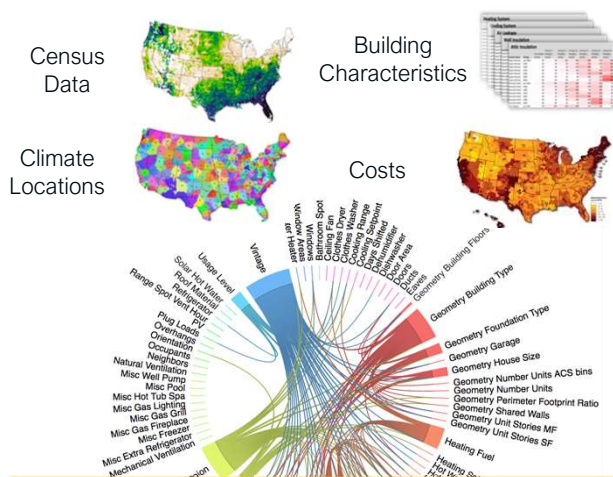
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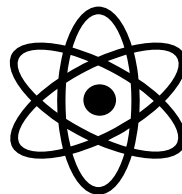
Large public and private datasets



6000 probability distributions for
100 parameters structured in a
dependency tree



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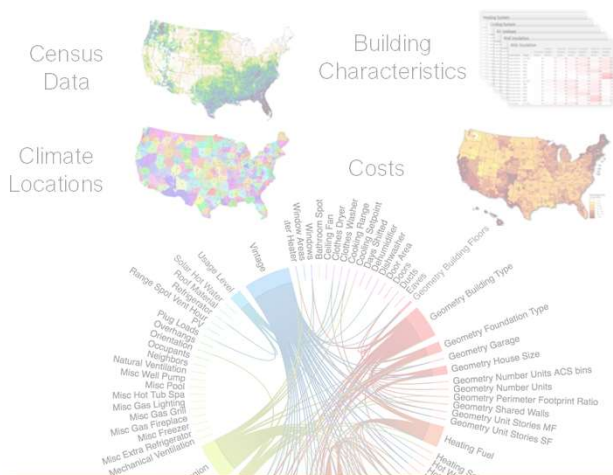


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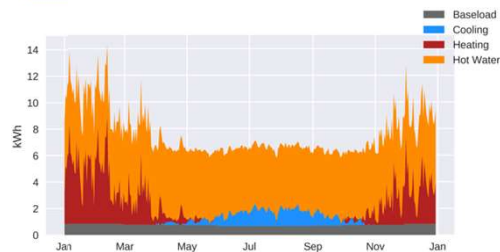


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Best-in-class models



Detailed sub-hourly energy simulations





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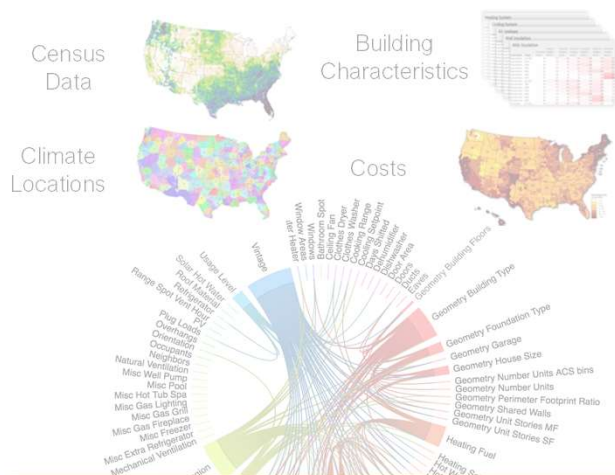
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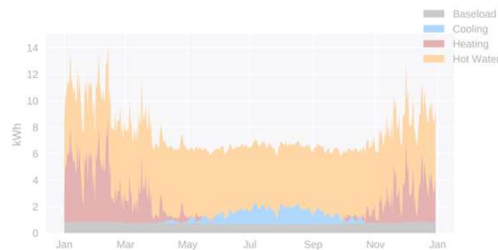


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10,000s to 100,000s of simulations

NREL's
supercomputer



Cloud
computing



Big data technology stack



Why ResStock?

Payback, in years, for wall insulation retrofit in Washington and Oregon single-family homes

Typical Approach

Annual savings
modeled or measured
in small sample



\$120



\$80



\$75



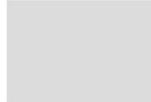
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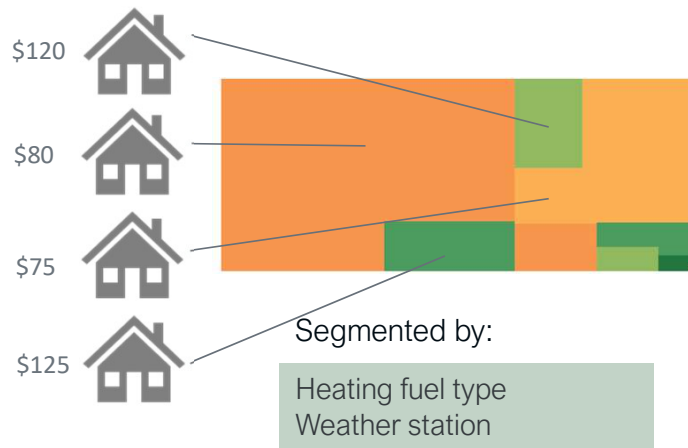
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Typical Approach

Annual savings modeled or measured in small sample



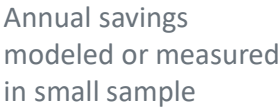
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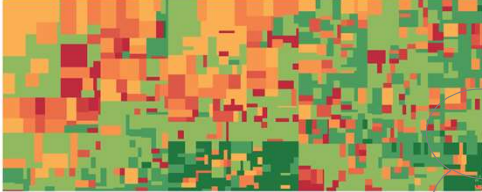
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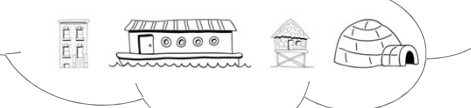
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- Weather station
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- Number of stories
- Foundation type
- Occupancy
- etc.


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\$120



\$80



\$75



\$125



Homes with less than 5-year payback

90,000

Segmented by:

Heating fuel type
Weather station

270,000

Heating fuel type
Weather station
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Number of stories
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Applications



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Utility companies and consultants

- **Increase the cost-effectiveness** of programs (\$8B/yr)
- **Defer distribution infrastructure spending** (\$20B/yr)



Manufacturers

- **Prioritize R&D investments** in emerging technologies
- **Identify target markets** to inform marketing and sales



Cities/States

- **Identify the highest priority housing stock** improvements
- Understand how buildings contribute to **city/state energy or emissions targets**



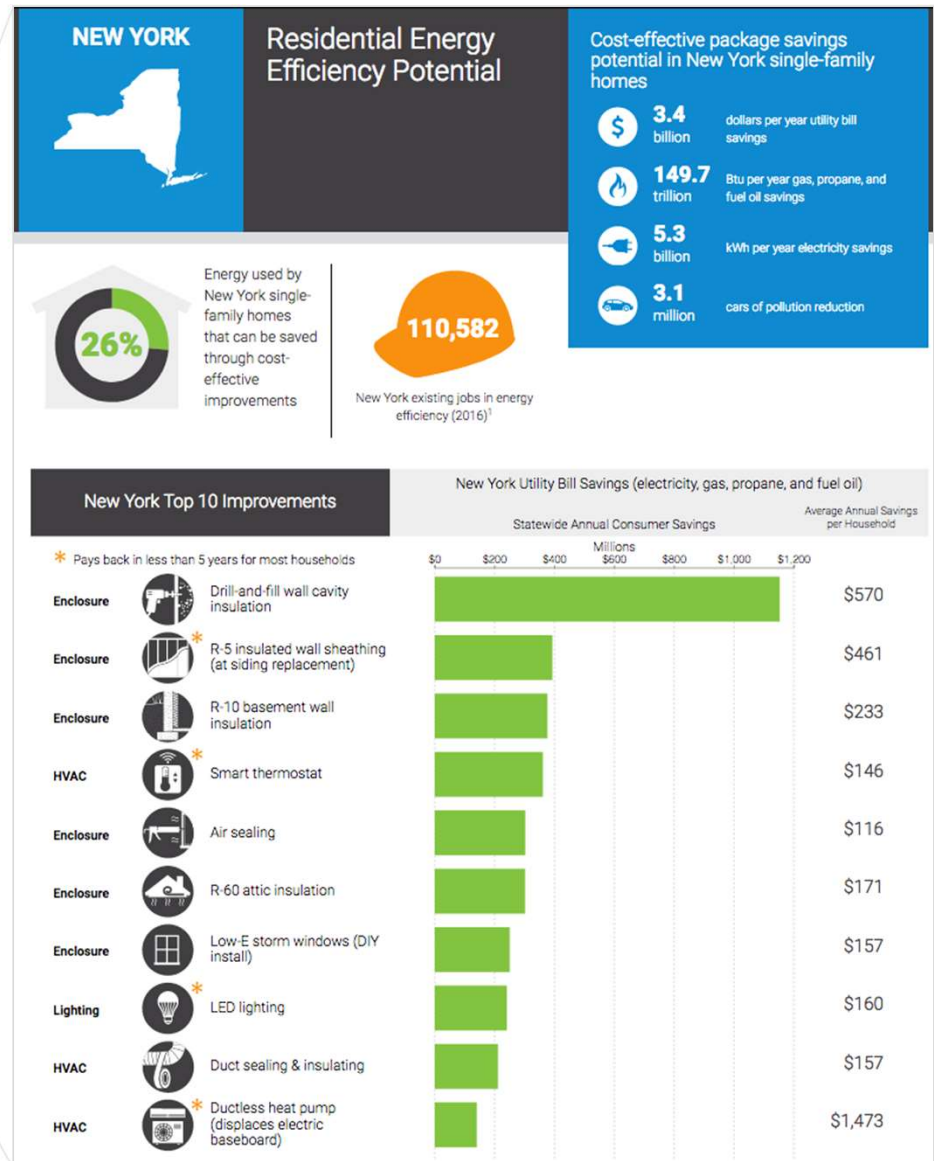
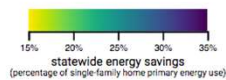
\$49 billion
potential
utility bill
savings
identified to
date

48 State Factsheets

Available at resstock.nrel.gov

State Fact Sheets

Click on a state to view a summary of the cost-effective residential savings potential and top priority improvements in that state.



Mortgage appraisal energy cost estimates

Putting the “E” in PITI(E)

DOE is working with Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Appraisal Institute to explore the possibility of using ResStock to estimate energy costs for appraisals



Targeting savings opportunities for low- and moderate-income households

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Evaluating energy efficiency potential in low-income households: A flexible and granular approach



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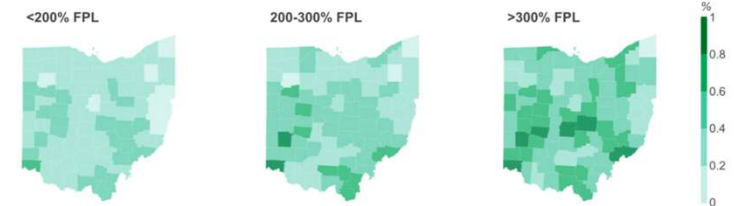


Fig. 5. Percentage energy cost savings resulting from upgrading central air conditioners to SEER 18 units at wear out (upgrades with positive net present value only), by county and income bin, in the U.S. state of Ohio.

1. Introduction

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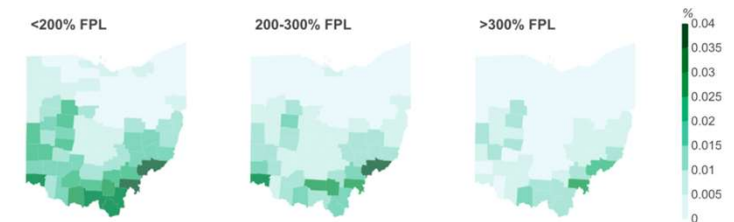


Fig. 6. Percentage energy cost savings resulting from upgrading room air conditioners to ENERGY STAR-qualified (SEER 12) units at wear out (upgrades with positive net present value only), by county and income bin, in the U.S. state of Ohio.

organizations, utility companies, and federal, state, and local governments. The results are granular in that they provide information at the county level, which is more detailed than the state level.

Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study

Building load modeling

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First-of-its-kind analysis

What role do energy efficiency, electrification, and demand response play in achieving 100% renewable energy for a city AND utility?

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Electricity system modeling



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Key study considerations

- Necessary infrastructure upgrades
- Critical transmission investments
- Maintaining system reliability
- Impact on equity, jobs, and local economy



**Preparing for a City-Scale Building
Energy Upgrade Analysis:**
A Case Study for New York City

Coming soon:
Case study on steps
that cities can take to
prepare for a detailed
building stock analysis,
using NYC as example

Thank you

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SMARTER

We give people the resources they need to make informed energy choices.



ENERGY USE

Getting energy use right saves money, increases comfort, creates jobs, and protects the environment.



FOR ALL

We ensure the benefits of clean and energy efficient energy use reach those who need them most.



What's a Home Energy Label?

Typically includes one or both of the following:

- A list of a home's physical assets, like insulation level or furnace efficiency
- An operational rating that compares the home's operating costs to a "typical" home, or uses the home's utility bills or modeling



Why a home energy label?

- It is a tool that can help homeowners make visible the typically invisible energy efficiency features of home, like insulation levels or operating costs.
- A well-designed label will create a straight-forward path for homeowners to follow, leading them to simple and effective home energy improvements
- Because homeowners now have a path for moving forward, it can drive them to utility program incentives and rebates.
- The label can also jurisdictions get a better, more granular, and more standardized view of its housing stock



Who did we talk to?

- City of Denver (Department of Public Health & Environment)
- State of Connecticut (Energize Connecticut)
- City of Austin (Austin Energy)
- State of Vermont (Efficiency Vermont)
- City of Berkeley (Office of Energy & Sustainable Development)
- City of Minneapolis (Center for Energy and Environment)
- City of Portland (Bureau of Planning and Sustainability)
- City of Holland (Community and Neighborhood Services)

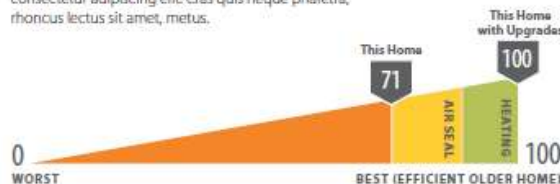


But what does this really look like?

Home Inspection Energy Report

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LOCATION
1234 Sample Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55409

Energy Score

71

ENERGY AUDIT SUMMARY

	Action Recommended?	Potential Annual Savings*
A. Windows and Shading	Yes	\$100
B. Attic Insulation	Yes	\$100
C. Air Infiltration and Duct Sealing	Yes	\$120
D. Heating and Cooling System Efficiency (HVAC)	Yes	\$270
Total Annual Savings:		\$590

HOME IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

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We appreciate your support of the ECAD ordinance and your efforts to make Austin the most livable city in the country.



Beneficiaries

- Local government
- Utilities
- Real estate agents
- People selling their home
- People buying new homes



The Temporal Aspect

- When do people interact with the label?



Best Practices from Around the Country

Main Sections of a Label

- Basic home and assessor information
- The score itself
- Energy features and recommended upgrades
- Taking action and next steps



Home and Assessor Information Section

- Clearly presented information about the home and the assessor

HOME INFORMATION

LOCATION:

123 Main Street,
Anytown, VT 05000

YEAR BUILT:

2005

CONDITIONED FLOOR AREA:

3,029 sq. ft.

Includes all spaces that are intentionally heated or cooled. This value may differ from a home's appraised square footage.

REPORT INFORMATION

PROFILE ISSUE DATE:

6/10/15

ASSESSOR:

John Doe

ORGANIZATION:

Sample A. Sample
Contracting

PHONE:

802-555-1111



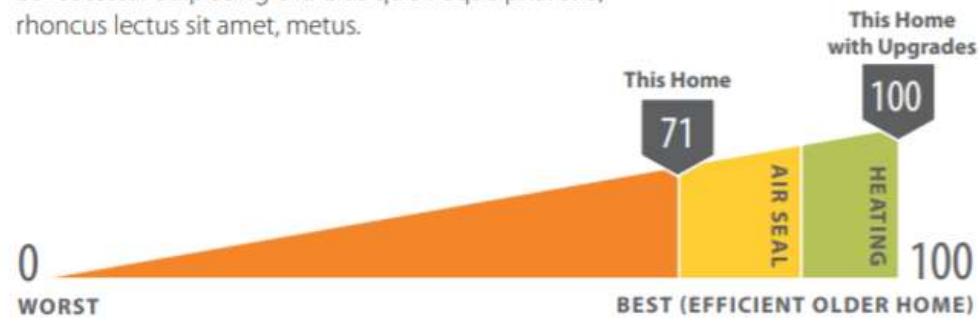
Score Section

- There are many models for scores. However, programs report that consumers strongly value the potential to improve their score and a path for doing so



Score Section: Minneapolis

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Energy Score

71



Score Section: Eugene, OR



Home Energy Score

Your home's
current score

3

Uses
more
energy

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

Uses
less
energy

Score
today:

3

Score with
improvements:*

8

Estimated energy savings
with improvements:

\$545 per
year

Estimated carbon reduction
with improvements:

41%



Features/Recommendations Section: Minneapolis

COMPLETED AT THIS HOME



- ☒ **Wall Insulation:** Walls are the largest area of your home protecting you from the hot and cold of the outdoors. Once completed your house will be less drafty and you will be more comfortable in your home.



- ☒ **Windows:** Installing a storm window on the exterior of single-pane windows can cost-effectively reduce your energy usage. Although it is generally not justified by energy savings alone, replacing single-paned windows with double-paned, high efficiency, ENERGY STAR rated windows is another option.

RECOMMENDED UPGRADES



- ☐ **Attic Insulation and Air-Sealing:** Air leaks in your ceiling allow air from inside your house to enter the attic, causing ice dams and moisture issues. Sealing these leaks improves durability and saves energy. After air sealing is complete, insulation can be added to help keep your home warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

Typical Cost:
\$1,750 – \$2,250
Rebate Available:
\$500



- ☐ **Heating System:** Replacing your old heating system with a new energy-efficient model will maximize your energy savings. We recommend a minimum 95% efficient (AFUE) furnace equipped with an ECM motor.

Typical Cost:
\$3,000 – \$6,000
Rebate Available:
\$400



Features/Recommendations Section: Portland

*PRIORITY ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS | 10 YEAR PAYBACK OR LESS ¹

FEATURE	TODAY'S CONDITION ⁴	RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS
Duct insulation	Un-insulated	Insulate to R-8
Envelope/Air Sealing	Not professionally air sealed	Professionally air seal
Heating Equipment	Oil furnace 60% AFUE	When replacing, upgrade to ENERGY STAR ³
Heating Equipment	Natural Gas/Propane Furnace	When replacing, upgrade to ENERGY STAR
Water Heater	Standard electric tank	When replacing, upgrade to ENERGY STAR, minimum 2.76 EF (Energy Factor)

Score
today:

9

Score with priority
improvements:*

10

Estimated energy savings
with priority improvements:

\$267 PER
YEAR

Estimated carbon reduction
with priority improvements:

15% PER
YEAR



Features/Recommendations Section

Includes:

- Energy efficiency feature
- Condition today
- Recommended upgrade (if any)
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- Potential costs of the upgrade
- Incentives and rebates should be tied to recommendations



Features/Recommendations Section: Austin

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Take Action/Next Steps Section

- Consumers report that they value simple steps for moving forward.
 - Links to participating incentive and rebate information
 - Links to contractors
 - A third-party to contact with questions



Take Action/Next Steps Section: Eugene, OR

TACKLE ENERGY WASTE TODAY!

Enjoy the rewards of a comfortable, energy efficient home that saves you money.

- ☒ Get your home energy assessment (Done!)
- ☐ Choose which energy upgrades to address first.
- ☐ Get a bid. Find an EWEB-participating contractor by visiting our list online at bit.ly/EWEBcontractor.
- ☐ Complete energy improvements. For eligible measures, EWEB may be able to offer a rebate or a 0% interest loan. For more details, visit eweb.org/saveenergy or call EWEB at **541-685-7088**.

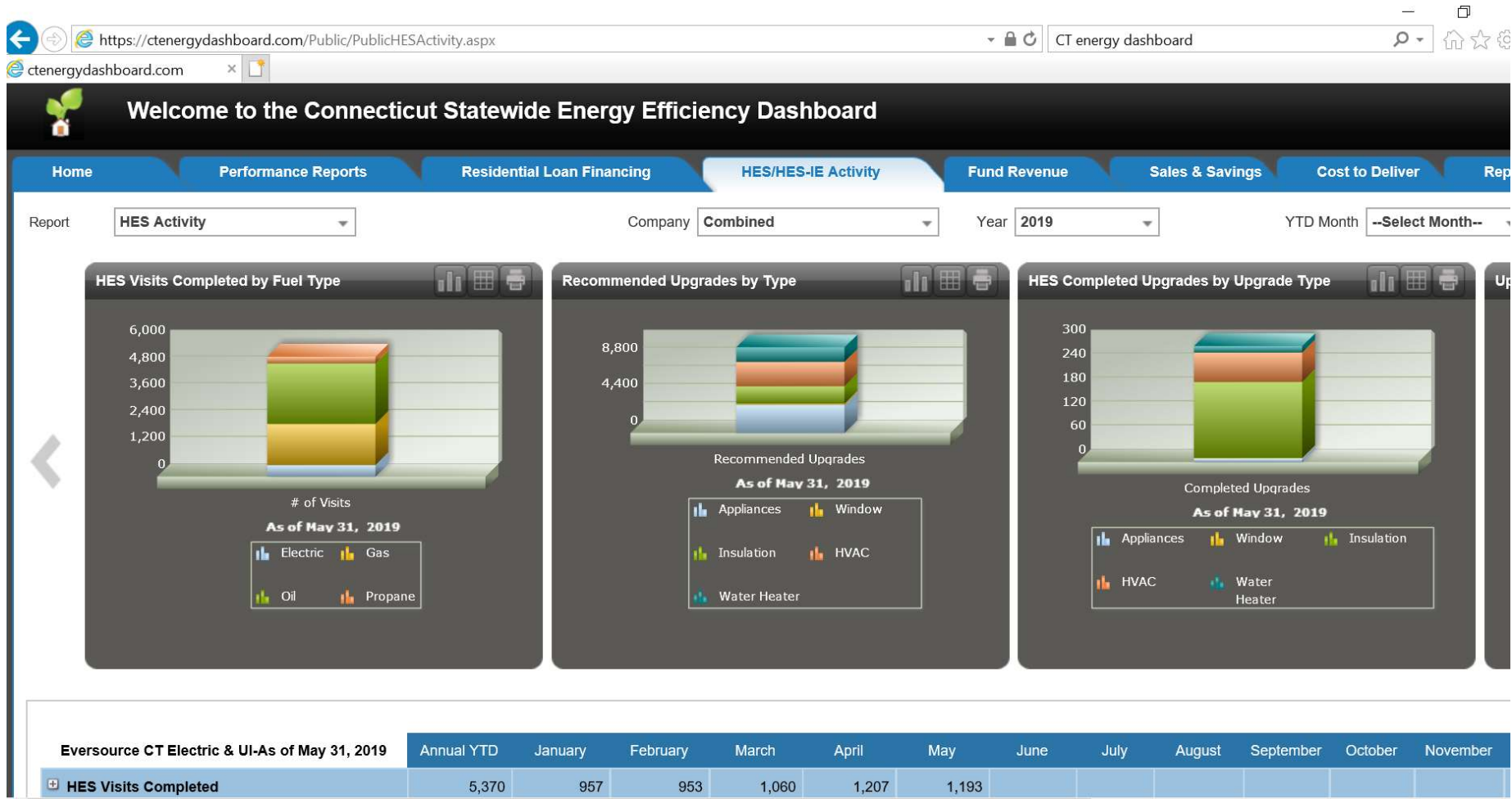


Interview Learnings

- Voluntary will only get you so far if your goal is market transformation
- Think about what ordinances or programs you already have
 - Minnesota & TISH
- You have to spend the money on marketing or outreach
- Reverse engineer from your goals
 - Climate Action Plan and GHG emission reduction?
 - Educated homebuyers?
 - Workforce development?



CT Energy Dashboard



Resources

- EMPRESS: Final Report, Released by NASEO

[https://www.naseo.org/Data/Sites/1/documents/committees/buildings/resources/empress-project-final-report_v1\[1\].pdf](https://www.naseo.org/Data/Sites/1/documents/committees/buildings/resources/empress-project-final-report_v1[1].pdf)

- Bringing Home Energy Information to Real Estate: A Toolkit

<https://betterbuildingssolutioncenter.energy.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/HEIA%20TOOLKIT%20081318.pdf>

- COMING SOON: Residential Energy Labels & Underserved Markets



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